Power deficit

*71. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the power deficit for 1985-86 and the estimated deficit for 1986-87 in the country; and

(b) what are the measures taken by Government to reduce the deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The overall power shortage in the country during 1985-86 was 7.9 per cent. In spite of an increase of 10.5 per cent in the power generation in the current year as compared to the last year, the estimated deficit during 1986-87 would be 9.09 per cent, due to the increase in demand.

(b) The measures taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new capacity, better utilisation of existing capacity, implementing short gestation projects, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of energy conservation and demand management measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Merger of Instrumentation Limited, Kota with BHEL

*72. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for merging the Instrumentation Limited, Kota, with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL); and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether any decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Neyveli thermal power station

*73. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to overhaul the 600 megawatt first thermal power station at Neyveli;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the cutting work of the third mine at Neyveli is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Turbogenerator units are taken up for major overhaul at intervals of about 36,000 to 40,000 hours. Steam generators and auxiliaries are overhauled at intervals of 16,000 to 20,000 hours.

(c) The third mine out at Nayveli has not been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan due to resource constraints and will be taken up when resources permit.

Committee for drug manufacturing

*74. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a four member official committee has been set up for laying norms for a phased manufacturing programme for drugs with import content and for identifying the drugs for which technology is well established in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.